IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Department Memorandum

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TO: District Engineers, Sr. Transportation Planners (HQ and Districts), and

Sr. Environmental Planners (HQ and Districts)

FROM Charles M. Rountree

Transportation Planning Administrator

RE: Idaho Corridor Planning and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Integration Guide

Attached please find the guide for integrating NEPA and Corridor Planning in Idaho. This document reflects all discussions and comments received, including those from the Corridor Planning Team's meetings and discussions over the last several years.

This strategy document lays out a process to guide us with integration, while preserving the maximum range of procedural options for local agency and district office consideration. ITD sees the implementation of this guide as a pilot project, effective for two years from the date of this memorandum. At the end of this two year period, the Corridor Planning Team will complete a review, finalize the guidance, and incorporate it as an addendum to the Corridor Planning Guidebook.

On behalf of the Corridor Planning Team, I would like to thank all the participants for their time, efforts and patience while we worked together to reach this point. We look forward to the successful implementation and refinement of this document.

I would request that each ITD district office coordinate distribution of this information to metropolitan planning organizations and others who may benefit from it.

Please contact Matt Moore at mmoore@itd.state.id.us if you have technical questions.

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